

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. The public interest is not being served when large companies control the airwaves. Their concern is more with a healthy bottom bottom line than with a healthy democracy. Instead of centralized news produced at a distance, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Actions by companies such as Sinclair illustrate how important it is to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Any policies that encourage even more consolidation in the media should be categorically dismissed. Thank you.